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Two May days in Cape May

Discover "one of America's prettiest places" when we travel to this charming Victorian-era town **Tuesday, May 22 and Wednesday, May 23.**

During this two-day trip, take a trolley ride through the town that evokes a bygone era with its beautifully restored Victorian homes, stay in an elegant historic hotel, lunch in a 19-century plantation house and visit the Emlen Physick Estate. If you like, in the evening you may try your luck at an Atlantic City casino or just enjoy the view from our beachfront hotel. While in Cape May, you'll also have time to enjoy the beach or take in a little shopping. Before we leave, we'll tour some of the sites that were significant in the New Jersey's World War II coastal defense.

We'll depart from the Village Center Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. and arrive in Cape May in time for lunch at the Washington Inn. This elegant restaurant is known for its fine cuisine. The luncheon menu includes house salad, choice of seafood or chicken for an entree, and a chef's selection of desserts. Following lunch, we'll tour the historic district of Cape May by trolley.

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Pissarro at the BMA

Explore the luminous landscapes of Camille Pissarro and enjoy lunch at Gertrude's as we travel to the Baltimore Museum of Art on **Thursday, March 29**, for this tremendous exhibition.

Discover Pissarro's remarkable transformation from a traditional landscape painter to a pioneering Impressionist through 45 paintings from major museums and private collections around the world. This is the first exhibition to focus on a pivotal decade of Pissarro's career, 1864 to 1874, when he created his most beautiful and innovative canvases. Colorful scenes of

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Positively Arch: an afternoon with Arch Campbell

Movie and theater critic Arch Campbell will speak about his career and retirement, second chances, starting over, and, of course, the movies, at the Village Center on **Wednesday, March 28, at 1 p.m.**

Mr. Campbell joined WRC-TV (NBC4) News in 1974 as a feature reporter, and created that station's entertainment beat. He hosted twice daily segments on WRC's local news and provided the NBC affiliate service with nationally syndicated movie reviews. From 1985-1990, he hosted The Arch Campbell Show, a late night ratings hit which won more than a dozen EMMY awards, including the "Best Local Entertainment Show" three years in a row.

After three decades at WRC, Mr. Campbell recently joined ABC affiliate WJLA to review movies and report on other entertainment-related stories. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon with the "dean of Washington reviewers." Please call 301-656-2797 to reserve a seat.

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We'll visit the Emlen Physick Estate, a 18-room mansion designed by renowned architect Frank Furness. Built in 1879, it's considered by some to be one of the finest examples of Victorian "Stick Style" architecture in America.

Next we'll check into our home for the evening, Congress Hall, a 19th-century Cape May landmark that served as Summer White House for several U.S. presidents. This grand beachfront hotel, built in 1816, has undergone an impressive \$25 million overhaul that returned it to its original grandeur. Today, the hotel's common areas and 109 guest rooms and suites boast custom furnishings and modern upgrades combined with old-fashioned ambiance and hospitality. That evening you're free to enjoy the sights of Cape May or to gamble in Atlantic City.

The following morning we'll relax over breakfast at the hotel, then you'll have the morning free to roam the beach or explore the nearby specialty shops.

That afternoon we'll enjoy a gourmet lunch at the Ebbitt Room in the Virginia Hotel. The menu includes a choice of calamari with lime ginger aioli, heirloom tomato and goat cheese salad or beef carpaccio for a starter; a choice of potato crusted flounder with creamed spinach, or sage and onion crusted chicken breast with fingerling potatoes and haricot verts or grilled hangar steak sandwich, balsamic onions, tomato confit, blue cheese and pomme frites for an entree.

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the picturesque French countryside—lush green fields, snow-blanketed towns, billowing smokestacks, and bustling rivers—show the development of Pissarro's painting technique, palette, and subject matter. This critical period of his development as an artist laid the groundwork for an entire generation of painters, many of whom were influenced by his experimental techniques and vision.

Prior to taking an audio tour of the exhibit, we'll dine at the BMA's Gertrude's restaurant. Enjoy Chesapeake crab soup or a house salad for starters, then choose a chicken salad platter, turkey wrap, or vegetable wrap as an entrée. For dessert, you may select chocolate mudd cake, sorbet or fresh fruit. Please choose at sign-up.

We will leave the Center at 10 a.m. and should return by 4 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$60. Residents and one guest may sign up immediately. Nonresidents may sign up beginning March 8. There are 28 spaces available.



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The renowned Czech maestro Jirí Belohlávek will conduct a program that includes Dvorák's *Othello* Overture and Smetana's *Richard III* as part of *Shakespeare in Washington*, as well as Mozart's Third Violin Concerto and Janáček's *The Wandering of a Little Soul*, featuring violinist Christian Tetzlaff.

We will leave the Village Center at 9 a.m. and return before 1 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$20 until March 15. After that the price goes up to \$25. Residents with one guest may sign up immediately; non-residents may sign up beginning March 10. There are 44 tickets available.



'Doubt' at the National Theatre

A few tickets remain for the matinee performance of Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize winner *Doubt* starring Cherry Jones on **Sunday, March 25** at the National Theatre.

Washingtonians are indeed fortunate to have the chance to see Cherry Jones in the role that won her a Tony in 2005. She plays a nun who is convinced a priest is abusing a student in her school, although she has no evidence. Her performance has been called "extraordinary" by Ben Brantley of the New York Times – and every other reviewer who has seen this riveting play.

The cost for the trip is \$99, which includes a seat in the center Orchestra, transportation, and driver gratuity. We will depart from the Center at 1 p.m. and return around 5 p.m.



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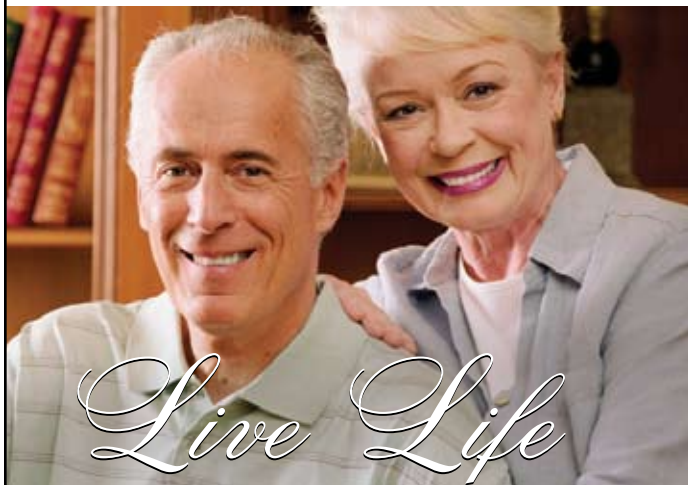
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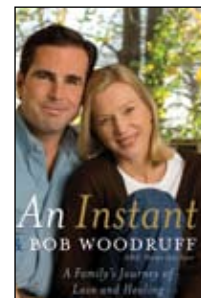
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Meet the authors: Bob and Lee Woodruff

ABC's Bob Woodruff and his wife Lee will discuss their book, *In an Instant: A Family's Journey of Love and Healing*, at the Village Center on **Tuesday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m.**



The couple's lives were blown apart when Mr. Woodruff suffered a traumatic brain injury while embedded with the military in Iraq. Tom Brokaw describes *In an Instant* as "a book for our time." Bob and Lee Woodruff give us a loving, terrifying, and ultimately inspirational tale of the perils of war, the demands of network journalism, and the strengths of a great marriage.

Please sign up in advance by calling the Village Center at 301-656-2797. Copies of the book, provided by Politics and Prose Bookstore, will be available for purchase.

OASIS in Friendship Heights

As many of you know, Macy's Home Store at Montgomery Mall will be the new home for Gaithersburg and Chevy Chase OASIS. The two centers have joined to become OASIS Montgomery. In an attempt to keep some of the OASIS programs close to Village participants, the Friendship Heights Village Center has offered space when and where it is available.

OASIS classes will be listed in our Classes and Clubs section (page 10 or 11) and in the OASIS catalog, which will be available at the Village Center front desk in mid-March. Registration for OASIS classes is by mail or drop-off box at the Center. You can join OASIS by completing the New Member form in the catalog. There is no membership fee, but a \$15 processing fee will be charged to each registrant once a semester. OASIS is open to anyone 50 years of age or older.

We look forward to a long partnership with OASIS and adding more classes to our schedule in the future.

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Thursday, March 1, 7:00 p.m.

— **World Trade Center.** This docu-drama tells the story of Port Authority policemen John McLoughlin (Nic Cage) and Will Jimeno (Michael Pena), who were trapped in the rubble of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, after they went in to help people escape. Rated PG-13 for intense emotional content, some disturbing images and language. Running Time: 89 minutes.



Thursday, March 8, 7:30 p.m. — Irish Storytelling with Ellouise Schoettler.

See page 16 for details.

Thursday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.

— **Flags of Our Fathers.** In February 1945, as the United States closes in on victory in Europe, the battle in the Pacific still rages on. A photographer captures a photo during the battle of Iwo Jima, an image of men raising the flag, which is destined to become a symbol strong enough to raise morale back home. But as they're paraded around the country in an effort to sell war bonds, the surviving flag raisers begin to wonder who the real heroes of the battle were. Stars Jamie Bell, Ryan Phillippe, Robert Patrick, Paul Walker, Barry Pepper, and Jesse Bradford. Rated R for language, and for sequences of graphic war violence. Running Time: 136 minutes.



Thursday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.

— **The Illusionist.** Set in early 1900s Vienna, Neil Burger's romantic thriller centers on the illusionist extraordinaire Eisenheim who falls for an aristocrat well above his social standing. When she becomes engaged to Crown Prince Leopold, the master magician employs his own powers to win her love. His daring scheme creates tumult within the monarchy and ignites the suspicion of Chief Inspector Uhl. Stars Edward Norton,



Jessica Biel, Rufus Sewell, and Paul Giamatti. Rated PG for some sexuality and violence. Running Time: 110 minutes.

Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.

— **Happy Feet.** In the great nation of Emperor Penguins in Antarctica, you're nobody unless you can sing, which is bad news for Mumble, who is the worst singer in the world. But he sure can tap dance. Mumble's mom, Norma Jean, thinks his dancing is cute, but his dad, Memphis, says it "just ain't penguin." Besides they both know that without a "heart song," Mumble may never find true love. His one friend, Gloria, happens to be the best singer around, and the two have a connection from the moment they hatch, even though she has a tough time understanding her pal's eccentricities. Features the voices of Elijah Wood, Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman, Brittany Murphy, and Robin Williams. Running Time: 98 minutes.



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Senior Artists exhibit in March


Senior Artists Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting artists sixty years old and older, will exhibit in the Friendship Gallery during the month of March.

The Alliance was founded to give senior artists opportunities to exhibit their work professionally, provide a forum for artists to exchange information and experiences, develop opportunities for marketing, and provide educational meetings and special interest groups.

The show runs from March 2 to March 31. All are invited to meet the artists at a reception on **Sunday, March 11**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Exhibit hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Art in the auditorium is occasionally not available for viewing because of certain activities in that room.

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Please register for classes at least two days before the first session.
Classes without the minimum number of students required will be canceled.

NEW CLASSES

ACRYLIC OR OIL PAINTING

A 10-week course for all skill levels, taught by Doris Haskell, begins March 15. Meets Thursdays from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$50 for residents; \$70 for nonresidents. Session ends May 17. Maximum number of students is 16.

BEGINNING BRIDGE

Bridge for beginners and those people who played many years ago and would like a refresher course to learn the many changes in the game. Taught by Martha Lisser. Each student must bring a deck of cards. 5-week course starts March 12. Meets Mondays from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$115 for residents; \$120 for nonresidents. Session ends April 16 (no class April 2).

BONES FOR LIFE

Coaching to find YOUR own best posture for doing weight-bearing exercise with greater joy and less chance of injury. You'll be taller, straighter and have greater stability and mobility. Relax in class and feel energized afterward. The 5-week series meets Thursdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$40. Begins March 8. Instructor Hedy Ohringer is a Guild Certified Feldenkrais® Practitioner and a Certified Bones for Life Teacher. She utilizes both methods to coach individuals and small groups.

CHAIR YOGA DEMONSTRATION

This free demo will be held March 21, at 3 p.m. Do not eat for one

hour before class, wear comfortable clothing but no heavy jewelry or perfume. Please let us know if you plan to attend. (See page 13 for details)

CHAIR YOGA

This 4-week series begins May 9. Meets Wednesdays from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Do not eat for one hour before class, wear comfortable clothing but no heavy jewelry or perfume. The cost is \$40. Class ends May 30.

CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING

A 10-week class taught by Helene Sze McCarthy begins March 22. Meets Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$100. Session ends May 24. A minimum of 6 students is required; the maximum is 10.

DRAWING AND PAINTING

A 10-week course for all skill levels, taught by Doris Haskell, begins April 2. Meets Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 for residents; \$70 for nonresidents. Session ends June 11 (no class May 28). Maximum number of students is 18.

MAT PILATES

A 6-week session begins March 20. Meets Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$70 for residents and \$80 for nonresidents. This class is not recommended for pregnant women or those with serious spinal conditions. Instructor Ginger Russell has been certified in Pilates Matwork Exercises by the *PhysicalMind Institute* and Powerhouse Pilates. Pilates tones the body from "the inside out" by teaching students to use smaller postural

muscles for strength, flexibility and balance. The *Magic Ring or Circle*, adds additional sculpting and toning to these movements (the exercises in this class may be done without the prop if you choose not to purchase it). Required equipment: Pilates/Yoga mat, large bath towel. Optional equipment: Pilates Magic Ring or Circle (Target, Amazon.com, Borders Books, and Wal-Mart carry it). Questions? E-mail Gingerrusteach@yahoo.com. Session ends April 24. Maximum number of students is 15.

PORTRAITURE IN PENCIL AND PASTEL

This 6-week class, taught by award-winning artist and photographer Marianne Winter, begins April 11. Meets Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Students will concentrate on achieving likeness using photos or reproductions of artwork. Please bring a pad and pencil or pastel to the first class. Some previous experience in drawing is necessary. The cost is \$65. (Maximum number of students is 8). Session ends May 16.

STILL LIFE PAINTING

A 12-week course with noted artist Joan Samworth begins April 5. Class emphasizes the elements of art: line, color, texture, shape and value and is designed to meet the needs of all levels of experience. Advance at your own pace with individual critiques and instruction. Suggested media are pastels, watercolor, acrylics, color pencil. Supply list will be handed out first day of class. Meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (you may bring



lunch – brown bag only). The cost is \$165 for residents; \$170 for nonresidents. Last class is June 21.

TAI CHI (THURSDAY)

This 6-week session begins March 22. Meets Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$40. Session ends April 26. Feel free to email instructor Thomas Johnson at Taijitaj@comcast.net if you have any questions about this class.

TAI CHI (TUESDAY)

This 6-week session begins April 3. Meets Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$40. Session ends May 8. Feel free to email instructor Thomas Johnson at Taijitaj@comcast.net if you have any questions about this class.

CLASSES THROUGH OASIS

Registration for OASIS classes is by mail or drop-off box at the Village Center. You may pick up a catalog at the Center front desk mid-March. There is no membership fee, but a \$15 processing fee will be charged to each registrant once a semester. You can join OASIS by completing the form in the catalog. OASIS is open to anyone 50 years of age and older.

RESISTANCE TRAINING FOR SENIORS

This 8-week session taught by Matt Rundell, begins April 2. Meets Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$64. Participants move through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength and endurance, range of motion and balance. Hand-held weights are used in a fun, safe and educational environment. Please bring mat to class.

Last class is May 21.

FLEXIBLE STRETCH AND STRENGTH

This 8-week session taught by Matt Rundell, begins April 2. Meets Mondays from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. The cost is \$64. In this class you will be taught safe and dynamic combinations of physical postures, partner stretching, and core work. This class is designed to increase your flexibility, improve your posture, and increase your core strength. The class will incorporate yoga stretches for relaxation. Bring mat to class. Last class is May 21.

ART CLASS WITH JOAN

This 6-week session with Joan Samworth begins April 4. Meets Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$70. The emphasis of this class will be on concept and composition. The subject matter will be supplied by the instructor. Various media (pens, pastels, watercolors, acrylics, colored pencils) may be used and are definitely encouraged (Please NO oils.) Supplies are to be furnished by each individual. Instructor welcomes new students to the class. Last class is May 9.

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An informal drop-in bridge group meets each Monday and Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. Most players are intermediate or advanced.

COFFEE AND CURRENT EVENTS

This long-running discussion group meets informally every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Led by group members.

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Book lovers participate in lively presentations and discussions of works, usually taken from the Great Books series. Meets Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. Contact Jean McNelis at 301-656-6695.

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SCRABBLE

Scrabble players meet at the Center Thursdays at 6 p.m.

TEA TIME

Village residents and their guests are invited to tea every Tuesday from 3 to 4 p.m.

VILLAGE PLAY TIME

Children are welcome to play at the Village Center most Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver, or family member over age 13.

WALKING CLUB

Leaves the Center every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:15 a.m. for a walk through a nearby neighborhood. Contact Helen Davis, 301-718-6340, or Marjorie Yahraes, 240-497-0050 for more information.

YIDDISH

Meets Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. to speak and read in Yiddish. Contact Maurice Singer at 202-362-0883 for details.

CONCERTS

Concerts are performed Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Huntley Hall. *Before entering the auditorium, please turn off any cell phones or electronic devices. If you arrive after the concert has begun, please wait for a break in the performance before entering. Kindly refrain from bringing any reading materials into the concert hall.*

Wednesday, March 7 — The American Trio. Back by popular demand, the American Trio performs classical popular tunes from the '30s to the '80s on the violin, bass and guitar. The trio features Hilda Seibel, Hank Bryant and William Tabron. The evening promises to be a journey down memory lane you won't want to miss.

Wednesday, March 14 — Frederick Moyer. During his more than 20 years as a full-time concert pianist, Frederick Moyer has established a vital and unique musical career that has taken him to more than 40 countries and to such far-flung venues as Suntory Hall in Tokyo, Sydney Opera House, Windsor Castle, Tanglewood, and the John F.

Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Moyer's enthusiasm, exacting artist, and adventurous programming have made him a favorite among audiences of all ages. In recital, his delightful commentary from the stage brings the audience into the heart of the musical experience. He is well known for his residencies of one day to three weeks that combine major performances, master classes, workshops, school performances, and other activities to promote classical music within communities.

Wednesday, March 21 — Susan Jones Jazz Band. Fans of Machaya Klezmer and Mariachis de los Compadres will recognize the talented leader of this jazz trio. Susan Jones has garnered rave reviews with performances across the Washington, D.C. area, including appearances at Blues Alley.

Wednesday, March 28— Opera by Young Artists. Hear young artists sing arias and staged scenes from such exciting operatic repertoire as Der Freischütz, Rigoletto, Die Fledermaus, the Magic Flute, and The Pearl Fishers. Some of the performers will be stars of the future. Artists include James Soller, Sophia Selowsky, Lara Colby, Robert Londis, Barbara Cummings, Alexandra Dilley, and Matt Dingels.

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TO YOUR HEALTH



Your eye doctor and you

Bring a bag lunch and join Janet Morrison from the Prevention of Blindness Society and Lind Stevens, occupational therapist, for the next meeting of Low Vision Lunch and Learn on **Tuesday, March 20, at 12:30 p.m.** They will lead a discussion entitled, "Making the Most of Your Eye Doctor Appointment." Dessert and beverages will be provided.

This program is a partnership of the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington and the Village of Friendship Heights. Please call 301-656-2797 to register.

Joint Replacement and Gender Specific Implants

Join Dr. Christopher Cannova at this month's Suburban Health Talk to learn about the latest in joint replacement surgery on **Wednesday, March 14, at 1 p.m.**

Did you know that some of the joints in women and men differ in size and shape? New implants are being produced to accommodate these differences. Learn how they work and if you are a candidate.

There is no cost for the talk, but please call 301-656-2797 to let us know if you plan to attend.

Chair Yoga is for everyone

You are invited to a free demonstration of chair yoga, a new class at the Center, on **Wednesday, March 21, at 3 p.m.** The class will begin in May and will focus on posture and balance, joints and glands, stretching, toning, isometrics, breathing and simple meditation. Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga and can be practiced by anyone.

Instructor Louisa Klein has served for 15 years as Vice President of the U.S. branch of the International Yoga Teachers Association and is currently the U.S. representative of the Patanjali Center for Classical Studies of Battle, Sussex (U.K.). She has 30 years of teaching experience and has taught young children, undergraduate and medical students at Wake Forest University, senior citizens in retirement homes and homes for special needs, and she has trained yoga teachers in her N.C. studio. Now a resident of Friendship Heights Village, Ms. Klein looks forward to teaching at our Center. She believes that "Yoga is an integral part of living well in this world."

Details of the demonstration and the series of classes can be found on page 10.



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Cafe Muse presents...

This month's Café Muse, on **Monday, March 5, at 7 p.m.**, presents poet E. Louise Beach and novelist Frank S. Joseph reading from their work.

E. Louise Beach's chapbook of poems, *Blue Skies*, was published in December 2006. Her poetry has appeared, or is forthcoming, in *Big City Lit*, *The Bitter Oleander*, *The Spoon River Poetry Review*, *Wisconsin Review*, and elsewhere.

Frank S. Joseph is the author of *To Love Mercy*, which was named runner-up for best novel of the year in the DIY Book Festival judging and nominated for inclusion on the Abraham Lincoln Young Readers 2008 reading list. Frank Joseph has worked at the City News Bureau of Chicago, the Associated Press, and *The Washington Post*, covering stories ranging from urban violence in Chicago to the Watergate break-in. In 1982, he founded Key Communications Group Inc., a specialized-information publishing company. His website is www.frankjoseph.com.

Classical guitar selections performed by Michael Davis are presented each month at 7 p.m. Attending poets are invited to participate in an open reading that concludes the Café Muse program. A sign-up sheet will be available at 7 p.m.

Café Muse is presented by The Village of Friendship Heights and The Word Works, a nonprofit literary organization that has sponsored public programs for over 30 years. The evening is free, but please call the Village Center at 301-656-2797 to let us know you are coming.

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Leprechauns & Shamrocks and bit of the blarney

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Irish custom of storytelling as Ellouise Schoettler presents a program of personal stories and folktales on **Thursday, March 8, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Village Center.

This past summer Ellouise made her first trip to Ireland looking for stories. In *Leprechauns & Shamrocks*, storyteller Ellouise explores her Irish roots through personal stories and Irish folktales.

Ellouise is a professional storyteller. She performs often at Friendship Village and at many other venues in the Greater Washington Area. In March she will premiere a new program, *Second Hand Rose*, in Fresno, CA as part of the annual Rogue Festival and March 30 she will appear as the "emerging teller" at the Lehigh Valley Story Festival, Bethlehem, PA. In February, Montgomery Municipal Cable aired new program, *Let Me Tell You a Story*, featuring Ellouise. This weekly program will be broadcast Monday evenings at 7:15 pm on Channel 16.



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Cape May... Continued from page 2

For dessert, choose sticky toffee pudding and vanilla bean ice cream, vanilla-scented berries with lemon cream and fruit coulis, or home-made ice cream or sorbet.

The visit to Cape May continues as we take a special tour focusing on the area's role in World War II. We'll visit the Cape May lighthouse, view the remains of the SS Atlantis, a concrete ship that sank offshore in 1926, and the gun emplacements that were part of New Jersey's World War II-era coastal defense system.

We'll depart from Cape May in the late afternoon and will stop en route home for dinner on your own. We should return to Friendship Heights by 8 p.m.

The cost of the trip is \$348 per person, double occupancy, and includes transportation, one night's deluxe accommodations, breakfast, lunches, tour, admission to the Emlen Physick House, step-on guide services for the World War II tour, and all taxes and gratuities. The single supplement is \$68. **Sign up before March 16 and pay only \$323 per person for double occupancy.** A deposit of \$150 is required when signing up. A full refund is available until March 20. Please make your menu selections when you sign up. Feel free to ask at the desk about information on trip insurance.

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Village Council Election Guidelines

Election Date: Monday, May 14, 2007

General Provisions

Election of the Friendship Heights Village Council shall be conducted under the guidance of the appropriate provisions of Article 33 of the Maryland Code, Section 66-4 of the Montgomery County Code, and these By-Laws.

Notice of Election

Notice of the election specifying time, requirements, and the procedures for nomination and voting shall be posted on the Hubert H. Humphrey Friendship Park Bulletin Board at least sixty days prior to the election.

Nomination

Nomination shall be by petition, signed by at least ten registered and qualified voters of the Village, and shall be filed at the office of the Council at least five weeks prior to the election (**by 5 p.m., Friday, April 6, 2007**). Such petition shall include the signature of the candidate indicating willingness to run.

Candidates shall be registered and qualified voters and reside in the Village at the time of the nomination and the election. Any candidate may withdraw his/her petition up to twenty-four hours before the start of the election.

Qualifications for Voting

Any person residing in the Village on the date of the election whose name appears on a list of registered and qualified voters as of two weeks prior to the election, furnished by the Board of Elections of Montgomery County, shall be eligible to vote.

Place of Voting

The polling place or places shall be conveniently located (the Village Center).

Election Officials

Appointment by the Council of the judges and clerks shall be made prior to the election. Assistants may be made available and appointed in a similar fashion. No candidate for Council membership or member of his/her immediate family shall serve as an election official.

Poll Watchers

Poll Watchers appointed by candidates shall be permitted to observe the voting and counting, but shall not interfere in any way with the voting or counting.

Counting of Ballots

Counting shall be conducted by judges and clerks.

Certifying and Reporting of Ballots

The incumbent Mayor shall notify the Montgomery County Council of the election returns, certified by the election judges. Such letter shall be sent by registered mail the day following the election. A copy of this letter shall be retained in the permanent files of the Village.

Absentee Ballots

Any qualified voter shall be entitled to vote as an absentee voter. An application must be received by **Friday, May 4, 2007**. (If you are unable to meet this deadline, call the League of Women Voters representative listed on the absentee ballot application.) Applications for absentee ballots are available at the Village Center and online at www.friendshipheightsmd.gov (click on "Village Council" link). Upon receipt of the application, the Council shall have mailed or

delivered to the voter entitled thereto an absentee ballot.

No candidate for Council membership shall serve as a duly authorized agent for the purpose of submitting a completed absentee ballot application. A qualified voter shall return an absentee ballot by mail, by delivery in person, or by requesting that an election judge or clerk be dispatched to obtain the absentee ballot on the day of the election. The ballot shall be returned to the Council office or other previously designated location. An absentee ballot received after the time for closing of the polls shall not be counted.

Disclosure

All candidates for the Friendship Heights Village Council must indicate agreement with the following requirements: Each candidate for election to the Council must submit two written financial reports to the Village Office—a preliminary report on the Monday preceding election day (**May 7**) and a final report by 5 p.m. on the Friday after election day (**May 21**).

Each report must include the following: 1) a list of all contributors and the amount(s) of their contributions made to the candidate; 2) an itemized list of expenditures made by the candidate on his/her own behalf; 3) a list of all contributors and the amount(s) of their contributions made to another party on behalf of the candidate; and 4) an itemized list of expenditures made by another party on behalf of the candidate.

The data from these reports shall be compiled and posted on the Village bulletin board as soon after receipt as possible. Failure to comply shall disqualify the candidate from assuming office.

Village Council Corner

RMA Coach Chosen to Run Village Bus

For many years, our shuttle bus service has been run by First Transit, Inc. (and its predecessors), which has also run the small bus Ride On service for Montgomery County. In November, First Transit gave us notice that their contract with Montgomery County would be ending in February, and they intended to stop running our service on that same date. We were therefore left with the task of finding a new contractor.

The County intends to begin running its own service in 2008. They informed us, however, that they would be unable to run our bus. After advertising for bids, we began serious discussions with both MV Transportation (which will run the County's service for the next year) and RMA Coach, which recently took over operation of the Bethesda Circulator (a free service in downtown Bethesda, very similar to ours). Both companies are very capable, and both agreed to hire our very popular weekday drivers (Mr. Hall and Mr. Lynch) if the drivers were interested in staying. After careful consideration, the

Council accepted the proposal from RMA Coach, which took over our bus at the end of last month.

Regretfully, both Mr. Hall and Mr. Lynch decided not to join RMA and continue driving the Village route. We appreciate their years of fine service and wish them very well in the future. RMA has worked hard to hire a new team with the full understanding that driving the Friendship Heights bus is very different than driving a typical transit bus (an understatement for sure!).

Our new weekday driver is **Thomas Warren**, who has been a bus driver with First Transit and Ride On for four years. Our new weeknight driver is **Joseph Arrington**, who worked for three years with Para-Transport for the disabled and five years with North American Van Lines. RMA has also provided new weekend drivers. We hope that residents will help us make all of the new drivers feel welcome.

We look forward to a very successful relationship with RMA Coach.



*Robert Alexander,
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